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Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:
(INS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLS FOR
LABORATORY SERVICES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 38a-477aa of the general statutes
2 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *January 1, 2020*):

4 (a) As used in this section:

5 (1) "Emergency condition" has the same meaning as "emergency
6 medical condition", as provided in section 38a-591a;

7 (2) "Emergency services" means, with respect to an emergency
8 condition, (A) a medical screening examination as required under
9 Section 1867 of the Social Security Act, as amended from time to time,
10 that is within the capability of a hospital emergency department,
11 including ancillary services routinely available to such department to
12 evaluate such condition, and (B) such further medical examinations
13 and treatment required under said Section 1867 to stabilize such
14 individual, that are within the capability of the hospital staff and

15 facilities;

16 (3) "Health care plan" means an individual or a group health
 17 insurance policy or health benefit plan that provides coverage of the
 18 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-
 19 469;

20 (4) "Health care provider" means an individual licensed to provide
 21 health care services under chapters 370 to 373, inclusive, chapters 375
 22 to 383b, inclusive, and chapters 384a to 384c, inclusive;

23 (5) "Health carrier" means an insurance company, health care center,
 24 hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, fraternal
 25 benefit society or other entity that delivers, issues for delivery, renews,
 26 amends or continues a health care plan in this state;

27 (6) (A) "Surprise bill" means a bill for health care services, other than
 28 emergency services, received by an insured for services rendered by an
 29 out-of-network health care provider, where such services were
 30 rendered by (i) such out-of-network provider at an in-network facility,
 31 during a service or procedure performed by an in-network provider or
 32 during a service or procedure previously approved or authorized by
 33 the health carrier and the insured did not knowingly elect to obtain
 34 such services from such out-of-network provider, or (ii) a clinical
 35 laboratory, as defined in section 19a-30, that is an out-of-network
 36 provider, upon the referral of an in-network provider.

37 (B) "Surprise bill" does not include a bill for health care services
 38 received by an insured when an in-network health care provider was
 39 available to render such services and the insured knowingly elected to
 40 obtain such services from another health care provider who was out-
 41 of-network.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	January 1, 2020	38a-477aa(a)
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Statement of Purpose:

To expand the definition of "surprise bill" to include bills for nonemergency health care services rendered by out-of-network clinical laboratories upon the referral of in-network providers.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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